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REFERRING to "An Appeal to Publishers," on page 246, of the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, we repeat the urgent request:

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Subscription Books Again.

THE attention of our readers is called to a communication in another column criticising the positions, as "Fair Play" understood them, of a recent editorial. We are glad always to see fair play, or to hear from any representative of it, but our correspondent has somewhat misinterpreted the spirit of our article. The subscription method, as we have often said and as he says, "is incomparably the best for a certain class of books," and as a *special* business the subscription business is without question legitimate. Whether its forced combination with the *regular* publishing business be fair or even wise is another question to which we will return in time. None can regret more than we its encroachment on the regular trade, and it was the purpose of our article to suggest means for reforming this evil. For evil it is, whenever resorted to by the regular publisher, and it should be beaten back on the same ground.

We have often before alluded to the causes of the lack of enterprise which still seems to us noticeable in the retail book trade. A series of editorial articles last year was written with the special purpose of

pointing out the necessity of the unity of the trade. It is because publishers have treated the dealers as they have, that so many of the latter have lost heart and become unenterprising. "Driving to the wall" is not peculiarly promotive of vigorous enterprise. But we desire very much to see one effort more made by the retailers to prove to the publishers how much better their business can be done by the regular trade than by any species of guerilla warfare. And it was for this reason we suggested that booksellers should take hold of book-canvassing themselves, and thus finally turn the trade again into regular channels.

That the bookseller himself should turn peddler was not our idea. In the series of articles to which we refer we had suggested that at watering-places and in times where such a course would be acceptable to buyers, book-packages should be sent to the dealers' customers for selection therefrom. In some other countries where the subscription business is yet confined to its proper scope, the bookseller becomes, as it were, general agent for his locality of the subscription books, hiring canvassers to pursue this independent part of the business. There is nothing derogatory to the

proper dignity of the regular dealer in this, and our suggestion, which might perhaps have been amplified to this extent, so as to avoid such misconceptions as that of "Fair Play," was that by adopting some such plan as this, the regular dealer might finally induce the regular publishers to give up the abnormal subscription part of their business and place all their books on their trade lists. As we have pointed out, the regular dealer must always retain several advantages to offset the single one, the pertinacity of the book agent.

THE *Watchman* hopes that the chromo epidemic "will soon finish its course; the premium farce has been wretchedly overdone, and we are calmly waiting for a reaction. There have been some good pictures distributed, but there has been a wholesale degradation of art by the wholesale scattering of miserable daubs which are absolutely worse than nothing. The fraud is evident upon its very face. Publishers are not fools, nor are they so generous as to ruin themselves financially by giving away to every two or three dollar subscriber a chromo that cannot be bought at any print store for less than \$5, or some other ridiculous sum! Perhaps the original was worth \$5, but the machine-made reproductions are dear at twenty-five cents apiece! A paper should be, and all decent papers are, worth their full subscription price, and if the enterprising publishers find that they have any surplus funds with which to attract new subscribers, let them add to the character and ability of their papers, or reduce the prices." It hopes and thinks that "the evil is self-regulating, and will, ere long, come to an end." The truth of it is that the "premium" system is much like a child's tilting play; it is up one side but down the other, for what he gains in direct subscription he loses in sales by the trade.

IN the latest issue of his bright *Riverside Bulletin* Mr. Scudder says: "When one sees the load which every book has to bear of expense before the first return begins, one is tempted to say—Go back, poor little book, into the brain of your author, and venture not into this groaning world. . . There should be attached to every publishing house a little cemetery, with headstones made of stereotype plates, in which the author should be invited to walk while the publisher was reading his book." Sad, ad truth!

CARLETON said, "Bookselling don't pay for the gas," and went to Bermuda for a few weeks until the days get longer.

ALSO, the Nation's Bookstore shows symptoms of discouragement. No Taine "sent on receipt of price" last week. It is to be hoped that this "will give more satisfaction.

BUT what will become of weekly journalism? Suppose in the natural course of things the demoralized Credit Mobilier people should, as the last resort, also steal the thunder of the publishers and offer to every new subscriber a *chromo*?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Subscription Books.

BALTIMORE, March 6, 1873.

To the Editor of the *Publishers' Weekly*.

IN the article in the WEEKLY of March 1, headed "Subscription Books," after adverting to the increasing adoption of this method, and the enormous sales of certain classes of books effected by it, you draw, it seems to me, an inference unjust to the booksellers and unwarranted by the facts.

You say "the key to the difficulty" is that "the book agents are enterprising; too many of the regular trade are not. . . . The retailers must wake up to the necessity of enterprise. . . . The book agent, single-handed, beats the bookseller at his own business, with far less opportunity."

You here leave out of view the very cardinal facts of the case. The regular bookseller must, of necessity, wait for his customers; the subscription agent travels from house to house, often calling upon persons who would probably not enter a bookstore from one year's end to the other. For a bookseller to adopt this plan he must become an itinerant peddler, carrying his stock about with him in a cart. Indeed, your suggestions that dealers should "send their boys round with a rack of new books" has a decided flavor of peddlarism, and would pretty soon ruin the standing of any respectable dealer in this city, at least.

Again, you leave out of view that the business of a bookseller is to sell *books*—that of an agent to sell *a book*. He has a single specimen to display; on this he harangues and expatiates, with nothing to distract the customer's attention or dim the volume's charms by comparison, until exhausted patience has to make the election between subscribing or showing the agent to the door. The bookseller has a thousand books to offer; can only recommend so long as the customer will listen; must be ready to pass to the next he may pick up; and, when, sooner or later he departs without purchasing, must gracefully bow him out, if he hopes ever to see him there again. The agent will probably never see his customer again, and pertinacity is his main reliance; the bookseller who should attempt to force his customers to buy would see his store shunned like a pest-house.

You say that "leading houses who have been forced into the subscription business declare that they are perfectly willing, would indeed prefer, to give their books to the regular trade"; and you refer to "Seward's Travels," published by the Appletons and sold by subscription. Now, one of Appletons' agent's circulars for this very book is before me, and in this circular they say that they will neither sell any copies from their own store nor allow them to be sold by booksellers; that by the subscription plan "the public is best served, as we bring the book to their homes, and non-frequenters of bookstores buy a work they would perhaps never otherwise see; the publishers increase the sale of the work manifold, and the booksellers are benefited by a creation of a demand for other works." This does not look much like "preferring to give their book to the regular trade."

I am a bookseller, and I have also published

subscription-books, and been agent for such, and I think I can speak in the matter with knowledge and impartiality. For certain classes of books the subscription method is incomparably the best; and there is no doubt that it benefits the general trade by creating a demand for other works. On the other hand, the regular bookstore to which customers may come at their pleasure to examine and purchase must remain the means by which the vast majority of books will be brought to the public. It is as absurd to expect the bookseller to run round among his customers, dunning them to buy, as to expect the subscription agent to go about with a waggon-load of different works and expose them for sale at cross-roads. And as for any deficiency of enterprise—if enterprise means urging business by all decent and respectable means—I will boldly say that the regular book-trade are as enterprising, as energetic, and as wide-awake in their business as any other class of dealers in the community.

Very truly yours,

FAIR PLAY.

FROM CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 8, 1873.—Our unusually severe winter, together with the "Epizootic" and other calamities, has conspired to make the past three months one of the dulllest and most unprosperous quarters Chicago has known in ten years. The stringency in the money market is, however, perceptibly diminishing already, and the anticipations of a brisk spring trade were never better. Trade has been considerably affected, it is true, by the close money market, but in snuffing out a multitude of flaring speculations it will, no doubt, prove a blessing in disguise. The result we predicted a year ago in regard to many new and unsubstantial printing firms has been fully verified. Stimulated into an existence by the new order of things and the unusual amount of advertising incident to the establishment of new business firms here, and the continual change of place on the part of old ones, they have gradually lapsed, a majority of them, under the pressure of the reaction, to a natural state of things and dull times. The old and well-known firm of Horton & Leonard even has suffered changes, at least, Mr. Horton having retired, and under the new insignia of Knight & Leonard the firm has taken spacious quarters in one of the new marble fronts on Madison, between Clark and Dearborn streets, where they expect and will certainly have facilities to do a larger business than ever before.

Messrs. Jansen, McClurg & Co. have been back to the old Booksellers' Row for upwards of two months in more spacious and elegant quarters than before the fire, and seem to be going on much after the old fashion.

The "Lakeside Building" is once more where it was before the fire, and "a little more so," being now under roof and with a fair prospect of being ready for occupancy by the first of May. When completed, it will be one of the finest buildings in the city, and being built with special reference to the printing and publishing business will probably become the publishing focus of the city. R. R. Donnelly we understand to be the principal manager of the enterprise in its present status. Judging from the specimen recently issued from the Lakeside press by Messrs. S. C. Griggs & Co., publishers, we see no reason for Chicago or Mr. Donnelly to be ashamed of his work in the way of book manufacture. We refer to a 12mo, 260 page book in muslin, 80 lb. paper, beveled edges, and illustrated, entitled "Manual of Gesture," by Albert Bacon, A.M., Professor of Elocution. The

author is a resident of Chicago, and engaged in his profession here. The book is a well digested compend of facts and instruction in the department of elocution, and we are inclined to think will meet with a ready reception on the part of pupil and teacher. It is the best thing of the kind we have seen and a book that any public speaker can ill afford to do without. The *Lakeside Press* suggests the *Lakeside Monthly*, and we are reminded to say that by a special arrangement with the publishers of the monthly a series of extracts from Joaquin Miller's new book of poems, now being put through the press of Messrs. Longman & Co., London, will appear in the Monthly, beginning with the March number—these extracts to be furnished as advance sheets by the author. From specimens already seen, the new volume promises to contain Mr. Miller's best works.

The ratification of the exchange of the City Bridewell lot for the old post-office building here gives the Public Library enterprise the prospect of a local habitation soon, and no mean one either. The walls of the building are in a state of good preservation, and the whole can be fitted up at a comparatively trifling outlay, giving commodious and elegant quarters for library, museum, etc., centrally located and easy of access. With the auspicious beginning it has had we see no reason why the Public Library of Chicago has not a glorious and influential future before it.

There is a marked tendency towards independence on the part of the daily press here, and there has never, we think, been a healthier tone of criticism, both literary and political, than at present.

C. G.

LITERARY AND TRADE NEWS.

ROBERT CARTER & BROTHERS are preparing a uniform edition of the works of the late Thos. Guthrie, D.D., of Edinburgh, in nine volumes duodecimo, to be ready next month. Also the "Resurrection from the Dead," by the Rev. William Hanna, D.D., for some years Dr. Guthrie's colleague in the pastorate of St. Johns Church, Edinburgh, and author of "The Life of Christ," "Wars of the Huguenots," etc. The same house has in preparation two new volumes by the eloquent Scottish minister, the Rev. Dr. Arnot, of Edinburgh, entitled "The Present World as Formed by God and Used by Man," and "The Church in the House, a Series of Lessons on the Acts of the Apostles." Also, the "Posthumous Sermons of the late James Hamilton, D.D.," of London, and a new volume by Dr. Hamilton's successor in Regent's Square, the Rev. J. Oswald Dykes, entitled "The Laws of the Kingdom," a companion volume to the "Beatitudes of the Kingdom," by the same author, issued last autumn. No religious poems of this country have attained the wide popularity of Mr. Bickersteth's "Yesterday, To-day, and Forever." The Carters are now preparing a cheaper edition in very neat form, and with portrait of the author added, at the very low price of \$1.25. Nor have these publishers overlooked the wants of the children, for they have nearly completed the "Kitty and Lulu Books," by Miss Joanna H. Mathews, author of the "Bessie Books," etc.; "Rhoda's Corner," by the author of the "Cash Boy's Trust;" "Brightside," by Mrs. E. Bedell Benjamin; "Aunt Sadie's Cow," by Miss Prichard, and "Faithful in Little," by the author of "Daisy Maynard."

JOHN WILEY & SON, American publishers of all of Ruskin's works, will shortly have ready "The Poetry of Architecture: Cottage and Villa," from his pen, with numerous illustrations, presum-

ably from his pencil, as well as a new series of his letters to workmen "Fors Clavigera."

IN some illustrated volumes from the Methodist Book Concern are to be gathered the graceful and entertaining stories which Miss Augusta Larned has been writing in the *Golden Age* and elsewhere. From that journal to the Methodist establishment is a curious leap.

T. H. MORRELL, of 78 Nassau street, is to print privately (edition of 50 copies) a monograph on the inauguration of Ward's statue of Shakespeare in Central Park, including the addresses of Judge Daly and Colonel Stebbins, William Cullen Bryant's oration, Mr. Stoddard's poem as read by Edwin Booth, also the poems by Bayard Taylor, John Brougham, and others, and an original paper by the Hon. W. B. Maclay, on Shakespeare's birthplace, the Stratford bust, etc. A vignette for title-page will be engraved by Mr. Roberts; the Aldine engraving of the statue will be given, and Munsell, of Albany, will do his best at the printing.

SOME books have been selling this spring, for Mrs. Ames' "Memorial of the Cary Sisters" has sold into the sixth thousand, and has, moreover, started their earlier books on a new run. A true reward of merit!

The Tribune will publish in a few days a new edition of Mr. Greeley's "Recollections of a Busy Life," with an appendix containing a memoir of his later life, and an account of his death and the funeral services. This edition is also enriched by a photo-lithographic reproduction of one of the best photographs of Mr. Greeley, taken during the last year of his life; while it contains likewise a steel-plate engraving from a portrait taken fifteen years ago, together with wood cuts illustrating his farm at Chappaqua, his birth-place, first school-house, etc. The volume, as thus revised and enlarged, furnishes the most complete and attractive biography of Mr. Greeley in existence, and will be specially prized by all his admirers.

MR. W. H. EDWARDS' work on the "Butterflies of North America," recently completed in parts, and now brought out by Hurd & Houghton in an elegant quarto volume, bound in half calf and half morocco, has received a special compliment in the form of a letter by H. W. Parker, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, to the *New York Evening Post*. The publishers say that work has been begun on the second series, and the first part will be issued as soon as the work has been carried far enough to warrant a punctual appearance of the succeeding numbers. It will be published by subscription, as was the case with the first series.

HOTTEN, the London curiosity publisher, has made a hit, if it is true that he could persuade the "Town Crier," the unterrified humorist of the famous San Francisco *News Letter*, to compile a volume of his grim satires and pasquinades, which in pungency, raciness, and impudence thus far have not found their equal in American journalism.

WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING, the poet, author of "The Wanderer," says "Fritz" in the *Mail*, is preparing a biographical memoir of Thoreau, which will be published by Roberts Bros. The volume will also include extracts from the copious journals which Thoreau was in the habit of keeping, and for the many admirers of this unique combination of ascetic, philosopher, poet, naturalist, essayist, and reformer, it will have great interest.

THE subject and title of Mark Twain's promised new book is said to be "John Bull." As a sub-

scription book, of course, it will be illustrated with numerous "cuts."

MRS. WOOLSON, in her own preface to "Woman in American Society," says that in portraying the different phases of woman's life, she has striven not to depict the woman of the past, glorified by the poets, or sentimentalized about by the romancers; but the live woman of to-day, with her strange contradictions, her fantastic caprices, and her mind eagerly questioning every principle on which society has been built. John G. Whittier's preface to the same volume, reads:

"Messrs. Roberts Brothers: I am glad to learn that you are about to publish a volume of essays by my friend Abba G. Woolson. I read the papers as they first appeared with lively interest. They seemed to me gracefully written, yet with a certain robust strength—wise, timely, and suggestive—their language clear, felicitous, and pithy to the author's requirements.

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MISS LOUISA M. ALCOTT's new serial, now publishing in the *Christian Union* under the title "Work," will be published in book form, with illustrations by Sol Eytinge. Of course the Roberts will do the "Work."

ROBERTS BROS. also promise "Bed-time Stories," a new volume of pleasant stories for the young, by Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton.

MRS. STEPHENS' new "best" book, "Lord Hope's Choice," a novel, will be published, in a few days, by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa. It is said to be the "best" book that this popular American authoress has yet written. "Lord Hope's Choice" will be issued in a large duodecimo volume, uniform with Mrs. Ann S. Stephens' eighteen other works. Price, \$1.75 in cloth, or \$1.50 in paper cover.

THE OSGOODS have in press a new volume by Robert Browning.

D. LOTHROP & Co., of Boston, have published in less than four years two hundred and sixty-eight volumes—mostly Sunday-school books.

THE General Theological Library of Boston though less than eleven years old, numbers about 600 members and annual subscribers. Its increase of books has been on the average 1,000 a year, and they are now circulating in forty-two towns and villages of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Books are taken to any distance. It was founded for the benefit of all religious denominations, and is managed, supported, and used by all.

G. P. ROWELL & Co. have issued a *Gazetteer* which contains a large amount of information in reference to the industries of the United States and British America. The plan involves the treating of each State and Territory separately, the principal towns being named, with their population and industries. The position of each is also given, and any special characteristics belonging to it. The book will be very useful to advertisers, and as far as the plan goes the compilation of facts appears very satisfactory for general use.

PROF. HENRY, of the Smithsonian Institution, has received a letter from Cyrus W. Field, stating that all announcements of important astronomical observations or discoveries will be received and transmitted by the Atlantic cable free of charge.

JOURNALISTIC.

"THE MAN-UFACORY," by F. B. Perkins, in *Old and New* for March, is a bold but capital piece of satire, which will be hugely enjoyed by all who read it in the right spirit.

THE most remarkable article in the *Fortnightly* for February is "Causes of War in the Present European Situation," by Emile de Laveleye.

The Professional and Sporting World is a new weekly, devoted to the drama, arts, and general amusements, published by Robert B. Caverly, 426 Walnut street, Philadelphia, at \$3 per annum.

A STORY by Saxe Holm, entitled "The Elder's Wife; a Sequel to Draxy Miller's Dowry," will be commenced in the April number of *Scribner's Monthly*. Mr. Froude is to furnish the *Monthly* with a series of historical papers, and Messrs. King and Chapney are now engaged in making sketches and taking notes for an illustrated series of papers, monthly, to be entitled, "The Great South," to be commenced some time next spring.

The Fireside Companion has begun a new story by Oliver Optic, entitled "A Brave Boy's Fortune."

The Eclectic Magazine for March has a good portrait of Bret Harte. Though we have not seen it, we were told so.

Fraser for February has an excellent account of the Dominion of Canada.

LECKY's paper in *Macmillan's*, for January, is said to be by far the best answer to Mr. Froude that has yet appeared.

"MY TIME AND WHAT I'VE DONE WITH IT," is the title of F. C. Burnand's new serial which will begin in the April number of *Old and New*.

The Banker's Magazine for March contains Gilbert's valuable "History and Principles of Banking," and, in addition to the usual departments, gives an annual list of new publications on political economy, banking, and finance.

JOAQUIN MILLER's new poem, "Exodus, A. D. 1849," is published in *Appletons' Journal* for March; and "At the Tomb of Byron," in the *Lakeside* for March.

THE *Dublin University Magazine* has a remarkable paper appreciative of the intellectual capacity of General Grant.

ACCORDING to Oscar Lennox Misch, in the *Lakeside* for March, the best correspondences concerning American affairs are published in the *Kölnische Zeitung* in Cologne, in the *Weser Zeitung* in Bremen, in the *Hamburger Nachrichten*, in the *Vienna Freie Presse*, and in the *Berlin Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung*, and in the *Berlin Tribune*. The *Augsburg Allgemeine Zeitung*, one of the ablest public journals of Germany, also contains explicit information concerning American affairs, and the letters furnishing the information are written by one of the ablest of German-American journalists.

THE "Geographical Notes" with bibliography, in the *Am. Educ. Monthly*, is one of the most valuable features of this well edited magazine.

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